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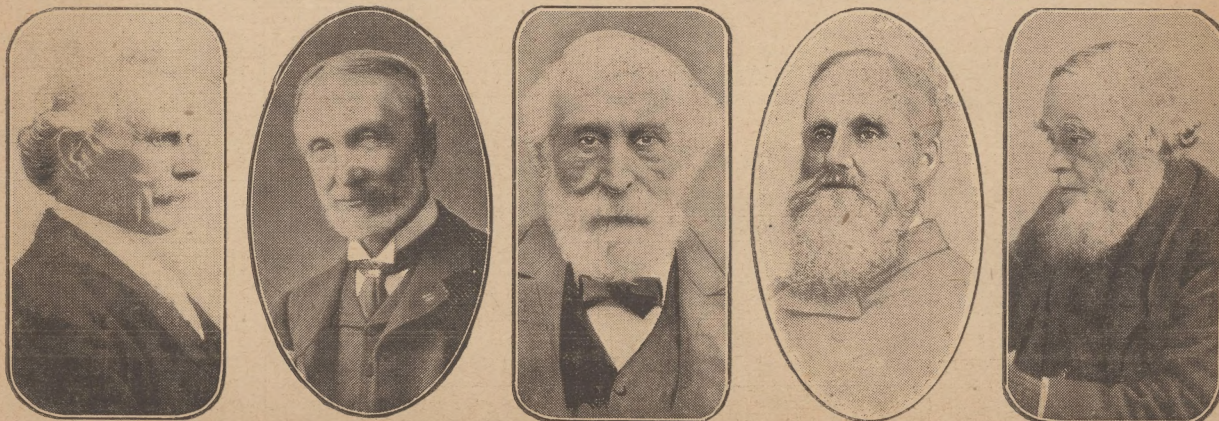
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MAP SHOWING ENGLAND'S ALLEGED PLAN TO INVADDE GERMANY.



The "Matin," the leading French newspaper, states that we offered France, in case the Kaiser attacked her, 100,000 men and naval assistance to take Schleswig-Holstein and to capture the Kiel Canal. The map shows the relative distances between the countries and the various places connected with this amazing story. The insets are—(1) M. Delcassé, the French Foreign Minister, who made the statement concerning the English offer, and resigned afterwards; (2) Lord Lansdowne, the English Foreign Minister; (3) M. Cambon, French Ambassador in London; and (4) Count Metternich, German Ambassador in London.—(Nador, Russell, Haines, Maull & Fox.)

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD VEGETARIAN SPEAKERS AT MEMORIAL HALL LAST NIGHT.



An amazing meeting of octogenarian vegetarians was held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, last night. Eight people, whose ages totalled 591 years, appeared on the platform and strenuously advocated abstinence from any description of meat. The photographs show five of these octogenarians, from left to right—Mr. Joseph Wallace, aged eighty-four; Mr. T. A. Hanson, eighty-six; Mr. C. P. Newcombe, eighty; Mr. Samuel Sanders, ninety-one; and Professor J. Mayor, eighty.

ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND GERMANY.

More Sensational Revelations
in the French Papers.

QUALIFIED DENIALS.

Kaiser Said To Have Coerced
France Through Italy.

The question whether Great Britain offered assistance to France in the event of conflict with Germany was the sole topic in Paris yesterday, and practically monopolized the attention of all the leading newspapers.

It was yesterday semi-officially stated that the accounts which have appeared in the newspapers of the events which accompanied the resignation of M. Delcasse, and notably the details which have been given of the sitting of the Council of Ministers which preceded his resignation, are incorrect.

Meanwhile, the Paris "Figaro" has published a revised account of the alleged offer, which is even rather more sensational than that which appeared in the "Matin."

HOW M. DELCASSE FELL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—The "Figaro" this morning publishes some sensational revelations concerning the Morocco affair and the projected armed alliance between England and France in the event of Germany attacking France.

In the first place, says the "Figaro," the British Government did not offer to support France in the manner recently stated; first, because England has not 100,000 men ready at hand to invade a foreign country; secondly, because it would be just as difficult to capture the Kiel Ship Canal as it would be to capture Cherbourg.

Previous to the German Emperor's visit to Tangier, and soon after the signing of the Anglo-French agreement on the subject of Morocco, the British Government approached the French Government on three separate occasions with a view to finding out whether France was disposed to consider a military alliance with England. The French Government, out of deference for its ally, Russia, who was then engaged in a war with England's ally, Japan, declined to consider the question of an alliance.

KAISER ALARMED.

Later on, however, when the Franco-German conflict on the subject of Morocco began to assume a threatening character, the question of an alliance was taken up seriously, this time on the French side. The French Ambassador in London, M. Cambon, obtained from Lord Lansdowne a verbal assurance that England would come to the assistance of France if she found herself at war with Germany. Lord Lansdowne stated to several of his friends that in the event of a war between France and Germany England would interfere on the side of France. This letter was conveyed to the knowledge of Count Wolff Metternich, the German Ambassador in London, who sent a special courier to Berlin to inform the Emperor.

This is what next happened. The Emperor Wilhelm hesitated what to do, but on Monday, May 29, he received the news of the Russian disaster at Shushima. He at once resolved to smash up the Anglo-French alliance, and he caused a communication to be sent to the Italian Government, in which he mentioned the Anglo-French alliance, and said that this constituted a mass bait in the event of a war between France and Germany. The Italian Government hastened to inform the French Government.

This was on Sunday, June 4. On June 5 it was decided that Delcasse should resign.

On the 6th he resigned.

GERMANY'S FOES UNITE.

African Chiefs Who Spoke of Surrendering
Now Breathe Defiance.

BEIRUT, Friday.—An official dispatch from German South-West Africa states that a reconnaissance established the presence of a considerable body of the enemy under Herrik Witbooi and Simon Kopper to the east of Aulse.

The Chiefs Marengo and Morris have withdrawn from the great Karas Mountains in a southerly direction. The force had several times entered into negotiations for his surrender. Now, however, he has announced his intention of fighting to the last man.

He proposes taking his women and children to Pella, on British territory, about forty-seven miles south-east of Warmbad.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S WELCOME.

British Sailors Greeted with Enthusiasm at Tokio.

QUAINT STREET SCENES.

Japan is extending a welcome to the British fleet that rivals in cordiality that which the French sailors received on visiting England.

All classes have united to show honour to our bluejackets. The papers are publishing long articles extolling the Navy of their ally, and Admiral Noel has been exalted to the position of a national hero.

Jack ashore has made himself marvellously popular; even the shy Japanese children have taken to him at first sight.

The quaintest sights are to be seen in Tokio streets, for the British and Japanese Tars have fraternised as such close allies should, and are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

GUESTS OF THE MIKADO.

Shiba Palace Set Aside for the Use of Admiral Noel and His Suite.

TOKIO, Friday.—Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, with his staff officers, captains, and commanders of destroyers, proceeded to the palace at eleven o'clock in the morning in imperial carriages which had been sent for their use.

The Emperor received the British officers in audience in the Phoenix Hall, and showed marked cordiality towards them. General Burnett and other British officers who have returned from the front were also received in audience at the same time.

All were afterwards invited to an imperial luncheon which was given at noon in the Homeis Hall. Prince Arisugawa, the Elder Statesman, the Ministers of State, and other dignitaries were also invited.

The Shiba Palace will be placed at the disposal of Sir Gerard Noel and his party while they remain the guests of the Japanese navy. They are expected to take up residence at the palace on Sunday.—Reuter.

PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

Disorders in Russia Continue—Two Police Officers Assassinated.

St. Petersburg, Friday.—The Russo-Japanese peace treaty will be ratified to-morrow by telegram.

Mr. Takahira will notify the State Department at Washington that the Emperor has signed the treaty at Tokio, and the State Department will then notify the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg. Meanwhile disorder reigns in the interior of Russia. Colonel von Eimann, Chief of Police at Krasnoyarsk, was assassinated last night, also M. Ososky, Assistant Chief of Police at Kischineff.

In Moscow Cossacks and police have encounters daily in the streets with the workmen on strike.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN REFORMER DEAD.

Prince Troubetzkoi, the Rector of Moscow University, a Victim of Apoplexy.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

St. Petersburg, Friday.—Prince Troubetzkoi, whose portrait appears on another page, and who died here at midnight yesterday after an apoplectic seizure, was regarded by the Russian people as one of their foremost champions.

The Prince, like his distinguished colleagues of the Moscow Zemstvo Congress, was naturally disappointed and dissatisfied with the parliamentary scheme promulgated on the 19th inst., but he had also the good sense to see that by standing aloof from the new Gosudarstvennaya Duma he and the reformers would be playing into the reactionary hands of the bureaucracy.

Grave fears are entertained that disorder may occur at the memorial service, as it is expected that 5,000 students and many other people will attend.

Prince Troubetzkoi was the eldest of three remarkable brothers. He assisted to draw up the famous appeal to the Czar which ended: "Sire, do not delay; great is your responsibility before God and before Russia."

SWEDEN AND NORWAY SEPARATE.

Stockholm, Friday.—Both Houses of the Swedish Riksdag have passed the Government Bill approving the Karlstad agreement relating to the dissolution of the union.

The Government to-day submitted to the Riksdag a Bill granting support to the families dependent on men who suffered pecuniarily from being called out for special service in the army and navy during the recent crisis.—Reuter.

THE "RED EARL'S" SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Precarious Condition of Lord Spencer Shows Improvement.

Though there was a slight change for the better last night in Earl Spencer's condition, he cannot yet be considered out of danger.

The "Red Earl," as he is popularly called, owing to his ruddy head and beard, has earned a world-wide reputation as one of England's strongest men, and is deservedly popular. He has filled the highest positions in successive Liberal Cabinets and has come to be looked up to as the future Liberal Premier.

He was one of the earliest and, with the exception of Mr. Gladstone, the most powerful of all English advocates of Home Rule. His Liberalism was no mere party badge, it was the expression of his inner nature. Lord Granville once said of him: "If ever there was a genuine Liberal, Lord Spencer is that man."

He was probably the best and most popular Lord-Lieutenant who ever tenanted Dublin Castle, a position he occupied twice. He took up the task in those troublous times which brought forth the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish, and during his first term of office gave a signal proof of his sturdy and notorious physical bravery.

When unknown friends urged him to shove the rufous beard which made him so conspicuous an object for the dagger or pistol of the all-too-probable assassin, he refused, and continued to go about unguarded. Now, no human quality is more admired by Paddy than pluck, and consequently the "Red Earl" was a prime favourite.

His generosity as a landlord is proverbial, and must have cost him many thousands of pounds. Lord Spencer will complete his seventieth year this month.

ROYAL FAREWELL DINNER.

The King, Queen, and Prince and Princess To Meet To-morrow.

The King and Queen and the Prince of Wales will all arrive in London this afternoon, and to-morrow their Majesties will give a dinner at Buckingham Palace to which about forty will sit down.

Various members of the Royal Family will be present, and the dinner will, it is understood, be in the nature of a farewell banquet to the Prince and Princess of Wales, who depart for India on Thursday.

The Queen and Princess Victoria left Copenhagen for England yesterday. All the members of the Danish Royal Family assembled at the station and bade her Majesty and the Princess a hearty farewell.

The King passed through Brough yesterday afternoon on his return journey from Bury Castle, considerably slowing down to enable the townsfolk, among whom were two Indian Mutiny veterans, to catch a glimpse of the royal traveller.

POET LAUREATE'S DESIRE.

France Must See in Nelson Celebrations No Diminution of Our "Delicate Esteem."

PARIS, Friday.—The "Aurore" publishes a letter addressed to M. Clemenceau by Mr. Alfred Austin, in which the Poet Laureate remarks that at the forthcoming Nelson centenary fêtes the French and British flags will float side by side, and adds:

"It is my most earnest desire, and I am sure that of the whole British people, that in the commemorative fêtes of the twenty-first France will not see any lapse from that delicate esteem in which we hold the friendship so happily established between us."

BIG FAMILIES WANTED.

Chamber of Commerce Offers Prizes for Parents with Most Children.

The French Chamber of Commerce in Brussels has placed at the disposal of M. Piot, the Senator of the Cote d'Or, a sum of £20 to be divided into two equal parts among the two most numerous and most worthy families.

M. Piot has awarded £10 each to the family of a miner named Touillon, at Monceau-les-Mines (Saone-et-Loire), who has had twenty-one children, and to that of a fisherman, named Piron, at Pouilly-en-Francia, who has had eighteen children.

The gift is to be repeated next year.

STRANDED NAVAL REPAIR-SHIP.

GIBRALTAR, Friday.—H.M. repair-ship Assistance, which is aground in Tutton Bay (Morocco), is lying on a sandy beach. It is believed that the crew have landed safely.

The vessel has been filled with water in order to prevent her from bumping.—Reuter.

ADMINISTERING A LOVE PHILTRE.

Officer's Device To Make a Woman Love Him.

NEARLY POISONED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—A handsome young cavalry officer, Georges Comte de Ferrary, has just got himself into serious trouble owing to his having administered a dose of poisonous liquid to a handsome young widow.

Truth to tell, the officer did not intend to poison the widow, but thought he was administering a love philtre. He had met the widow this summer at the seaside, and had fallen desperately in love with her, but though the widow was kind and allowed him to visit with other friends at her house in Paris she refused to become his wife.

The officer sought about for some means which would cause the widow to love him, and, having read in some old book that there was considerable virtue in love philtres, he called on an elderly friend of his family who possessed the reputation of being an alchemist and experimental chemist, and who was looked upon as somewhat mad.

MAY END IN MARRIAGE.

The officer explained his case to the old gentleman, and asked him if he could not provide him with a love philtre which would cause the widow to return his affection. With an enigmatical smile, the old alchemist handed the officer a small bottle containing a colourless liquid.

A night or two afterwards the officer was invited to dine at the widow's house with several other friends, and during the meal he succeeded in getting the love philtre, without being perceived, into the widow's glass.

Hardly had the young widow drunk from the glass than she became ill, and fell to the floor suffering from violent cramps. A doctor was sent for, who said it was a case of poisoning.

The officer has just given himself up to the police commissary of the Chailloit district, and has made a full confession of his act. As the widow is now out of danger, the magistrate did not arrest the officer, and it is not improbable that after all the adventure may end in a marriage.

MURDERED GOVERNESS.

French Assassin of Miss Carey Sentenced to Penal Servitude for Life.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—Auguste Gaillard, charged with the murder of Miss Carey, an English governess, near Mont Valerien, on June 11, was to-day found guilty, and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

It will be remembered that Miss Carey's body was found lying on its back near the Mont Valerien road, just outside Paris. She had obviously been strangled, and her money was missing. When found the body was still warm. The face was covered with a handkerchief.

Gaillard, when arrested and charged, admitted the crime. He had, he said, spent the night of Whit Sunday (the day before the murder) lying in a field near Nanterre, and when Miss Carey approached he attacked her without knowing what he was doing and when she screamed strangled her.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

A dispatch from Kumamoto reports that a Russian lieutenant has committed suicide in the hospital there through despair.

A Lithuanian woman from Krasnoyarsk has been arrested. Rejika (Wielek) on suspicion of theft. In her trunk were found forty-eight bombs.

Mr. Chamberlain will on Monday preside over a meeting of the Imperial Tariff Committee, which has not assembled since he left home two months ago.

Berlin electrical strikers have been advised by their leaders, to accept the ultimatum of the hardware manufacturers in view of the concessions made, and the great strike will probably end to-day.

The United States cruiser Colorado recently scored forty hits out of 50 many shots with her 6-inch guns, at 3,500 yards, says Reuter. The percentage of accuracy obtained was 88, claimed as a record.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Gusty and cold northerly winds; some showers (snow or sleet in places), with light intervals; frost at night.

Lighting-up time, 6.5 p.m.
Sea passages will be moderate or rather rough.

SIDELIGHTS ON PRISON LIFE.

Large Increase in the Gao!
Population of England.

THE TRAMP PROBLEM.

Are we to become a nation of idiots and criminals?

While the birth-rate is declining, the population of our lunatic asylums and prisons is continually going up. Some rather startling figures on the latter point are given in the report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons, issued last night as a Blue-book.

In local prisons last year were received no fewer than 197,941 criminals—a population more than double that of Wolverhampton. There were also 19,890 persons imprisoned as debtors or on civil process. The year before the corresponding figures were 189,888 and 18,022—an increase altogether out of proportion to any growth of population.

The population of the convict prisons on March 31 last was 3,188, about seventy-five more than the previous year.

Prison for Rest and Refreshment.

One of the most remarkable features is the vast increase in begging and vagrancy and misbehaviour by paupers, and the Commissioners are doubtful whether the present system is a reasonable remedy for "the grave social malady."

They quote the opinion of the chaplain of Northampton Prison that "the professional tramp is the most hopeless class of prisoner met with. He looks upon H.M. prison as a house of rest and refreshment, and uses it freely for such purposes, deliberately committing offences in order that he may be sent there. Prison discipline offers no terror for such men."

The governor of Wakefield Prison says: "From my personal observation of this class of prisoner I am convinced that short sentences are not only futile as regards any punitive effect, but they are even demoralising and almost encourage and foster vagrant tendencies of life."

Commitments for drunkenness and larceny are both increasing. For the latter crimes 1,383 more males were locked up last year than the year before.

Short Sentences a Mistake.

"We regard this increase," says the report, "as a serious symptom. Thieving in its various forms is the special attribute of the hardened or professional criminal. It is to be regretted, also, that a very large percentage of these offences is committed by young prisoners under twenty-one years of age, who form about forty per cent. of the whole. It is from yielding to this particular form of temptation that most offenders first come to prison."

In the opinion of the Commissioners short sentences for this class of crime are a mistake.

Some interesting sidelights on prison life are given in the various chaplains' reports. The official at Carmarthen, for example, says, with regard to the services:—

"The singing and responses are invariably taken up very heartily. On no single occasion, I rejoice to say, have I been under the painful necessity of calling attention to irreverence in the behaviour, or to lack of apparent earnestness, on the part of anyone attending the many services held during the past year."

Of Exeter Prison it is recorded: "I have met with more devoutness and reverent earnestness at this service in the prison chapel than I have in many a parish church."

Only Worked in Prison.

The report from Leeds is: "Several men have really reformed their lives and abandoned their evil courses, and they have ascribed the change to the teaching they received in the prison."

At Lewes Prison it is found that "many who cannot read or write when they come here can do both creditably when they leave. The plan of getting a man to write a letter on his slate each day in his own style, to be corrected by the schoolmaster next day, seems to work well in practical results."

In showing the inefficiency of the present system of dealing with vagrancy, the chaplain quotes the case of a man who laughed when asked if he had done any work since he visited the prison the last time, nine years before. "Of course, not; I never do any work," was his reply.

A singular incident is recorded at Nottingham—that of the baptism of a murderer in the condemned cell on the eve of his execution. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southwell.

The Pentonville chaplain calls attention to the "large number of small boys sent here for childish offences, such as playing football in the streets, throwing stones, etc. One understatedurchin, fifteen got fourteen days for 'assaulting the police,' and a fourth of thirteen ten days for resenting a blow with a brickbat. I make bold to say that every such commitment is an affront against common-sense."

SCOURGE OF FEVER.

Very Many More Cases in London Than This Time Last Year.

London is in the throes of a fever epidemic. So enormous has been the increase of cases in the last ten weeks, that there are 1,256 more at the present moment than there were at the same period last year.

During the last ten weeks, says a report of the Metropolitan Asylums Board just issued, the daily admissions have exceeded 100 twelve times, the highest number during one day being 135.

Everything possible is being done to cope with the epidemic, and the board is making arrangements to meet all the demands which can possibly be made upon it.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the South-Eastern Hospital is at the moment in course of reconstruction, and therefore unavailable, but it is proposed to open the two old pavilions there, which will afford accommodation for 100 patients. They will be ready in the course of the next few days.

While the pavilions are in use as hospitals, the South-Eastern ambulance station will be employed, with the concurrence of the Ambulance Committee, as administrative quarters.

BARKSTON ASH ELECTION.

Motor-Cars Freely Used To Bring Electors to the Poll—Close Finish Expected.

The result of yesterday's polling in the Barkston Ash Division will be declared at Selby to-day, when the figures are expected to be close.

Mr. G. R. Lane-Fox (Unionist) and Mr. J. O. Andrews (Liberal), the candidates, were early astir, and the keen north-westerly wind which blew nipped the voters who polled on their way to work at 8 a.m.

Motor-cars were freely used, and voting was brisk in Selby, but rather slow in the villages. The vacancy was caused by the death of Sir Richard Gunter (Conservative), whose majority at the last contested election in 1892 was 1,241.

In last night's "Gazette" the Speaker notified that he will order a writ for the election of a member for Hampstead to be issued at the end of six days.

"PLOT OF MURDER."

Irish M.P. Declares That a Galway Faction Fight Had a Serious Meaning.

Boyle Police Court, in Co. Galway, was the scene of some remarkable counter-charges yesterday, Mr. Jasper Tully, M.P., and his brother George being summoned for assault by one John Callaghan and his nephews, Randall and John Rice.

On the other hand, Mr. Jasper Tully charged the three with assault and John Rice with stealing his umbrella. Mr. Tully stated that the whole affair was the outcome of a plot to murder him.

The umbrella, said John Rice, was not stolen, but broken by Mr. Tully over his head in a free fight, which ensued after the meeting of the hostile parties.

After the witnesses had given denials to the statements made on the other side, all the cases were dismissed.

TWO HUNDRED EVICTIONS.

Congested Districts Board Puts Pressure on the De Freyne Tenants.

There is to be more trouble on the De Freyne estate, in Co. Donegal.

The estate, it will be remembered, was purchased by the Congested Districts Board from Lord De Freyne, on April 15, and now the Board has issued 200 ejectment processes against the tenants for rent and arrears due to Lord De Freyne, to May, 1904.

The cases are to be defended at the coming October Quarter Sessions.

The tenants, it is said, were under the impression that all arrears were wiped out when the purchase agreements were signed.

PRINCE OF WALES AS BALLOONIST.

During his tour in India the Prince of Wales will frequently make balloon ascents in order to obtain extended views of the country. Mr. Stanley Spencer, the aeronaut, left England yesterday with the necessary apparatus.

BRET HARTE'S HEBREW DESCENT.

Bret Harte, says a correspondent in the "Jewish Chronicle," was racially a Hebrew. "His grandfather was Mr. Bernard Harte, of the New York Stock Exchange, whose son Henry married out of the faith," Francis Bret, the author, drifted in the same direction."

YOUNG AT EIGHTY.

Octogenarian Vegetarians Expound Their Theories of Diets.

BRIGHT EYES AT NINETY.

Many vegetarians, each of them over eighty years of age, advocated their particular diets at the Memorial Hall last night with all the sprightliness of youth.

Mr. C. P. Newcombe, chairman of the meeting of the "still-young-at-eighty," was the baby of the group, having only just turned eighty.

"This meeting of octogenarian vegetarians," said the chairman, "still possessed of a firm step and clear-sighted blue eyes," was called to show that a man of eighty years of age can do a lot of useful work in the world."

In spite of his fourscore years Mr. Newcombe lives up to his assertion by indulging in the most vigorous mental and physical exercise. He is very fond of bowls, and, like Mr. T. Anderson, who is six years his senior, he often indulges in the game.

Accidents Prevail Not.

Mr. Hanson was one of the most enthusiastic advocates of a fruit and vegetable diet, attributing a most remarkable series of recoveries from accidents to his choice of foods.

Two years ago this vigorous octogenarian was out to register a vote within three weeks after he had broken two ribs in a fall.

"People don't die nowadays," they kill themselves with eating," was his way of putting his vegetarian creed last night.

"The doctors tell me that I have the pulse of a man of fifty, and that I shall turn the century mark."

Mr. Samuel Saunders, the oldest speaker of the group, is ninety-one years old. He outlined the ideal octogenarian diet as follows:—

"My breakfast is one-third of a pint of milk, one ounce of groats, three bananas, or fifteen prunes."

"For dinner, a plate of vegetables, with one ounce of Roharst; for supper, two or three roasted apples, the third of a cup of hot milk, with a little cereal coffee, two ounces of dry biscuits, and one ounce of walnut butter."

Anti-Salt Doctrine.

"I have never touched tobacco or pipe, excepting to blow soap-bubbles when I was a child."

Miss Warlow, the only lady speaker among the octogenarians, is a London spinster, who has shown her interest in life at eighty by becoming an enthusiastic student of Esperanto.

Among the other octogenarians who told the audience "How to live long," were:—Professor Mayor, of Cambridge; Mr. Joseph Wallace, head of the "Wallacites" (who eschew salt and fermented bread); and Mr. T. Wyles, of Buxton College.

FREAKS OF THE BRAIN.

Genius and Weakness of Intellect Often Found in the Same Family.

"It is not infrequently found that genius, social success and mental degeneracy are present among members of the same family," said Dr. Francis Warner, physician to the London Hospital, at yesterday's meeting of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded.

According to another speaker, feeble-minded children would still be born, even if all feeble-minded adults were eliminated from the community. The problem was to discover the best training for these children, who formed about 1 per cent. of the whole school population.

"Play, games, general activity, and the prevention of loafing," said Dr. Warner, "encourage spontaneity and variety in movement, tending also to remove awkward habits."

"Imitation of the teacher's movements is very useful, being far more educative than clay modelling, drawing, and other child occupations, but it can only be practised by the child for a few minutes at a time."

MAULED BY A LION.

Woman Terribly Injured During a Street

Procession of Animals.

While a menagerie was parading the town of Lurgan yesterday prior to the afternoon performance a woman, named McClure, ran forward to pass a piece of bread through the bars to a lion in the cage.

The animal reached out, and, catching the woman, mauled her terribly about the head and arm.

It was found necessary to amputate her arm, and the woman is now lying in a critical condition.

Rather than serve in the Army, Private Gaston, a London recruit of the South Wales Borderers, is reported from Brecon, South Wales, to have cut off two fingers of his left hand with a chopper.

EIGHT KINDS OF BEER.

Some Notable Features at the Brewers' Exhibition To-day.

All sorts of drinkables, from the blackest beer to the most sparkling mineral water, will be on display at the Brewers' Exhibition, which opens at the Agricultural Hall to-day.

Prizes will be awarded for every branch of the industry, from the growing of the hops and making of the malt to the corking of the bottles.

In the prize beer competition alone the judges will be called upon to sample 215 half-barrel exhibits.

The eight classes in which the beer exhibitors are competing are most confusing to the uninitiated, to whom beer is simply beer.

Class I. will consist of beers which an ale manufacturer described to the *Daily Mirror* as "brews which have little more 'rip' than water."

After four light beer classes, in which separate prizes are offered, come the light bitter and pale ale exhibits, while for black beer alone there are two classes.

"A London beer has a sweet, rich flavour, while a Dublin beer is bitter and sharp," was the explanation which was finally offered by a brewing expert.

The growing popularity of temperance drinks is shown by the 154 entries in the cider competition, as against eighty-nine in 1901.

A new feature of the exhibition this year is the tobacco trades' section, in which demonstrations of the most approved methods in cigar and cigarette manufacture will be given daily.

RESTAURANT TEST CASE.

A Common Custom Challenged Under an Unrepealed Section of the Licensing Act.

A test case of much importance to all restaurant-keepers in the Kingdom was tried at Manchester yesterday, the point to be decided being the right of restaurateurs, licensed to sell beer and wines, to have spirits brought in and consumed on the premises.

It is the custom for such restaurant-keepers to send out for spirits, which their customers ask and pay for in advance.

The present action is taken under an unrepealed section of the Licensing Acts of 1830 and 1854, and in view of the importance of the case the magistrate reserved his decision.

KNOCKED OVERBOARD.

Two of the Crew of H.M. Cruiser Blenheim Drowned Off Margate.

A sad accident occurred off Margate yesterday on board the first-class cruiser Blenheim, of the Sheerness and Chatham Reserve Division, resulting in the loss of two lives.

The Blenheim had been out of the Medway on a four days' cruise for gunnery exercises, and was raising anchor to return to Sheerness when one of the blocks gave way.

First-class Petty Officer Bean and Able-Seaman Howes were knocked overboard by a starboarder, and, although boats were promptly lowered, they were not seen again. Bean belongs to Ramsgate.

RAMSGATE DRIVER'S STORY.

Believes the Tramway Accident Was Due to the Line Not Being Sanded.

Sufficiently recovered from the effects of the tramway accident at Ramsgate when the car leapt over the cliff last summer, Lloyd, the driver, told his story before the Board of Trade inspector yesterday.

He believed that the accident was due to the fact that the steeper part of the line at Madeira-road was not sanded.

The tramway manager had supposed that the accident was due to a sudden application of the brakes. Lloyd denied applying them suddenly. The car commenced skidding some distance before reaching the stopping-place at the brow of the hill. The conductor kept his slipper-brake on all the time.

Lloyd did not apply the hand-brake, and after the car touched the roadway he remembered nothing more.

CAT'S RAILWAY TOUR.

On the arrival at Blackburn yesterday of a Midland express from St. Pancras a black and white cat was discovered perched on the bogie of one of the carriages.

The engine-driver said the animal had been observed at Leicester and Marple, but had refused to be dislodged. Porters took the cat to their room and petted it, but it got away, sprang upon the bogie of a departing Accrington train and vanished.

WATT CASE WITNESS IN THE DOCK.

Charged with Perjury on His Own
Admissions in Court.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A sensational development of the Watt case was heard at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday. John Lightfoot, alias Norman Battle, of Sowerby, Thirsk, who on Thursday in the witness-box admitted that his evidence was false, was charged with perjury.

A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, he gave evidence on behalf of Mr. Watt, alleging that he had overheard in Regent-street a conspiracy between two private detectives, Marshall and McKenna, to bring charges against Mr. Watt. On Thursday he said his story was untrue.

Mr. Arthur Gill, who appeared at Marlborough-street yesterday for the Director of Public Prosecutions, briefly narrated the circumstances of the case, remarking that, though Lightfoot had made a complete withdrawal of the evidence, he did not do so until he knew that the false addresses he had given had been discovered.

In fact, quite apart from his confession, the detectives who had charge of the case had sufficient evidence in their possession to have enabled them to prefer a charge of perjury. On the occasion on which the prisoner alleged that he had heard the conversation, Mr. Marshall happened to leave the office in the company of Colonel Nixon, of the Royal Engineers.

Discovered at Thirsk.

Detective-sergeant Alfred Ball, of Scotland Yard, said that on Wednesday he visited Thirsk. He saw the prisoner walking along the road a little in front of him and called out "Mr. Lightfoot." The prisoner immediately turned, and witness then recognised him as a man who had given evidence in the name of Norman Battle at the police court.

Eventually Lightfoot admitted he was the man, and in saying that he was sorry and would tell the truth related to the detective the story he told on Thursday of meeting Mr. Watt in Hyde Park, and of being offered money to be a witness for the defence.

On being searched, a rough draft of the evidence he gave on September 22 was found in his possession.

Colonel Francis Nixon, R.E., said that on August 17 he called at 5, Regent-street to see Mr. Herbert Marshall, the private detective. On the stairs he encountered Mr. Marshall, who said: "I am in a great hurry, and I cannot stop to see you now." He continued on his way downstairs and witness after pausing a moment followed him. When witness got to the street door he saw Mr. Marshall walking away down Waterloo-place in the direction of Scotland Yard.

Mr. Gill: Was McKenna with him?—No, Mr. Marshall was quite alone.

You brought this matter to the notice of Mr. Marshall in consequence of what you read in the papers?—Yes.

One of the False Statements.

The assistant usher at Marlborough-street Police Court then produced Lightfoot's depositions, in which he stated that a second gentleman followed Mr. Marshall when he left the office, and said: "Be careful how you go about it, Mr. Marshall," the latter replying: "Have no fear. Nobody will believe Mr. Watt, and I will take it out of him. Fancy only £10 for McKenna (or McKenna)."

Mr. Herbert Marshall and McKenna, his assistant, gave evidence, declaring the prisoner's account to be untrue. They did not leave the office together.

Lightfoot now repeated from the dock that if he had not been told it was the wish of the King through his friendship with Lady Violet that the case should be stopped, nothing would have induced him to come forward.

He was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court.

SNOWDON'S GLISTENING ROBE.

Snow fell on some of the peaks in North Wales yesterday. Snowdon itself presents a remarkable spectacle. The greater part of the upper half of the mountain is covered with snow, whilst the highest pinnacle has escaped, and shows black and clear above the glistening whiteness of the lower levels.

NEW GEORGE WASHINGTON.

At Tiverton (Devon) yesterday a boy of fifteen who was accused of letting off fireworks in the streets denied the allegation. His father said he had never known the boy to tell a lie, and on this recommendation the Bench set him at liberty.

RAILWAY STOWAWAY.

Amazing Adventures of a Youngster
Who Is Again Missing.

Liverpool and North Wales are amused and mystified by the extraordinary adventures of Stanley Condor, a boy of ten who, every few days, provides a new sensation by travelling as a stowaway in a railway train. His latest exploit is a wonderful escape from captivity.

After being carefully looked up at Reading by the guard of a goods train, who discovered him in one of the trucks, he escaped in an inexplicable manner. When the train got to Rushon the guard went to the locked compartment where Condor had been imprisoned, only to find the captive gone.

The doors had not been unlocked, and it seemed inconceivable that a boy could wriggle between the bars of the window, for they are only five inches apart.

Between Wrexham and Rushon the line has been thoroughly searched, but without success.

Condor's clandestine journeys are here summarised, in each case the boy setting out from Liverpool:—

Moffat, in Scotland, by hiding in a guard's van. York, by locking himself in a compartment. Preston, by clambering on the ironwork underneath the Scotch express.

Kirby, by travelling on the buffers of a carriage. Birmingham, by riding in a coal truck.

Reading, in a goods truck.

WANTED TO KILL A CONSUL.

Truculent Persian Charged with Threatening
the Life of His Former English Chief.

"Unless he gets me a letter of apology I shall send him to his heaven; I would kill men in my country for less!"

This threatening remark was made by a Persian, Mirza Daird Nisan, four years ago employed at the Persian Consulate, who was charged at Westminster yesterday with threatening the life of Mr. Harry S. Foster, Consul-General for Persia.

The trouble arose through a letter written to the Consulate by Miss Barclay, a lady who looks after poor Persians. Mr. Dyke, the secretary, told Nisan that it made unfounded aspersions on his character.

His demand to see the letter was refused on the ground that it was confidential and official. He then became threatening, and wrote a letter to Miss Barclay which caused Mr. Foster to communicate with Scotland Yard. On his arrest he said: "When my Oriental blood gets into my head I would do anything."

The prisoner admitted that the statements attributed to him were correct, but said he never intended to kill Mr. Foster. He was sent to goal for six months in default of finding sureties in £200 for twelve months.

CLASSIFYING CONVICTS.

Important Step in Prison Reform To Be
Taken by the Home Office.

In charging the Grand Jury at West Ham Quarter Sessions yesterday, the Recorder said that in future the Home Office had decided to classify convicts.

It had been felt for a long time that there were some people who must be kept locked up.

In the case of prisoners sentenced to ten years or more, they would have special treatment after seven and a half years, and would be put either into the "Star" class, the "Middle" class, or the "Habitual Criminal" class.

The classification would be undertaken by the directors of prisons. It followed up the step taken a few years ago to draw distinctions between prisoners sentenced to terms not exceeding two years.

THE LAST GOOD-BYE.

Husband Sends His Wife a Telegram
Announcing His Suicide.

Before committing suicide Mr. Cecil Smith, whose death was reported in yesterday's issue, sent the following telegram to his wife:—"Break news to sister gently. Shot myself."

He then proceeded to the house in Margaret-street where he was staying, and shot himself, leaving a letter behind:—

"My dear, dear Wife,—This is the hardest part of the whole business—saying good-bye to you. If my patent had gone through I could have paid my debt. I shall have a telegram sent to-night, so that you will be able to keep your first sorrow to yourself. Good-bye once more, darling. I shall break down if I write much more."

A verdict of Suicide whilst insane was returned at the inquest at Marylebone yesterday.

With the object of making Sandown, Isle of Wight, more popular as a winter resort, the district council has so allotted the rating that it is lighter in winter than in summer, hoping thus to stimulate the demand for houses.

WHO OWNS NELSON?

Is It the Affair of the Nation, or of
Two Rival Leagues?

WHAT IS WANTED.

Is the Nelson centenary the affair of the nation, or of two rival leagues?

It would naturally be thought that so interesting an occasion, and one appealing so strongly to the imagination of a country that exists on naval power, would be celebrated by some body representative of every inhabitant of these islands. But it must be admitted that the prospect is that the celebration of the centenary will be a piecemeal kind of affair. If the Navy League and the British and Foreign Sailors' Society—the two bodies which might most appropriately join forces—had united in a common scheme, the result would have been a splendid national event.

Scoring One Better.

But, as a matter of fact, the object of these two organisations seems merely to score off each other. On the one hand, the Navy League has seized the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar-square, and seems to regard that part of the scheme, not as a national movement, but as something in the nature of a Navy League triumph. Certainly the secrecy and mystery, worthy of the War Office itself, with which the League is surrounding its operations are not likely to create a broad basis of public interest.

The British and Foreign Sailors' Society, it is true, is likely to make a more powerful impression, but a good deal of its time seems to have been spent in considering what the rival league would do, and trying to score one better, instead of joining hands.

It has gained one great advantage. The King has graciously consented to become patron of the society's concert next Saturday, and has also allowed his initials to be stamped on all the souvenirs made from the Victory's copper and timber.

Jealous of Its Rival.

These souvenirs will be presented to children next Saturday afternoon at the Albert Hall, when Mr. Ben Davies will sing "The Death of Nelson" to the accompaniment of a corresponding march. The great hero breathed his last, a century ago. In the evening a grand "Victory" Nautical Concert will be given, when Mme. Alice Esty, Mr. John Coates, and Mme. Suzanne Adams will be among the artists.

Moreover, the society has spread its festivities throughout the great towns of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, India, and wherever Britons are to be found.

The Navy League is undoubtedly jealous of the favour its rival has enjoyed, but would not admit it for the world.

"There is no likelihood of his Majesty patronising the Navy League," said the secretary to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "although doubtless his Majesty recognises the excellent work achieved by it. And it is hardly likely that the Admiralty would present the relics from the Victory to a league which is always finding fault with the state of the Navy."

Thus it comes about that the Navy League, deprived of official recognition, have turned their attention to capturing Trafalgar-square, which will be brilliantly decorated and beflagged on October 21st. There a service will take place at 2.30 p.m., when Bishop Welldon will offer a prayer, specially written for the occasion, and Mr. Alexander Watson will recite Mr. Kipling's "Recessional."

JAPAN IN ENGLAND.

Exhibition of Thousands of Chrysanthemums
Grown by British Children.

Another alliance between Great Britain and Japan is sealed to-day. Young England, to show its friendship for Young Japan, has been busy during the last few months growing the national flower of "The Land of the Chrysanthemum."

To-day the splendid results are on view in the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, where the members of the "Evening News" Chrysanthemum League, with their home-grown flowers, will be gathered together.

Last night the child competitors for prizes for the best blooms might be seen on their way to the hall triumphantly struggling along with lofty plants in pots or with arms full of lovely blossoms. Chrysanthemums grown on roofs and windowsills in the most crowded districts, representing weeks of anxious attention on the part of the tiny gardeners, will be shown.

It is a feast of bright blossoms such as London rarely sees. It is Japan in London.

WATER AND £600 NECKLACE.

On the charge of stealing a pearl and diamond necklace worth £600, and two £5 Bank of England notes from visitors at the Hans Crescent Hotel, Frederick Blada, a young Austrian waiter, was committed at Westminster yesterday for trial.

PERILS OF THE TRAIN.

Two Cases Again Emphasise the
Danger of Compartment System.

The grave danger to women travellers in the present antiquated form of railway carriage—a danger so dramatically illustrated by the Merstham tunnel mystery—is again forced on public attention by two police cases yesterday.

In the first, Perry William Marsh was charged with molesting Emily White in a third-class compartment of a train while it was passing through the tunnel between Camden-road and King's Cross Stations. Marsh, who admitted the truth of the charge, is only fifteen, while the girl is a year younger.

The lad began to behave objectionably as soon as the train had passed into the tunnel. Miss Bushell threatened to pull the communication cord, and Marsh desisted for a time, but soon afterwards renewed the persecution. Then she jumped up and pulled the cord.

The train was stopped and Marsh was taken into custody. Marsh, who expressed his sorrow, was remanded.

In the second case were concerned Mrs. Gladys Wall and a well-dressed man named Henry Friedlander.

Mrs. Wall travelled from Waterloo to Bournemouth. At Woking Friedlander got in and sat down opposite her. He behaved in such a way that she rose and pulled the communication cord, and when the train stopped she got into another compartment. She did not charge the man at the time, but finding him on the platform when she went to the station for the return journey she induced a lady to travel with her, and, as a result of a discussion on the question, gave Friedlander into custody.

The accused was remanded on £100 bail.

THE TUNNEL MYSTERY.

Dr. Russell Wallace Announces a Discovery
by "Transcendental Clairvoyance."

With regard to the Merstham Tunnel mystery, Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace, the well-known scientist, professes to have made a sensational discovery.

He has been trying, he told a Harrow audience, to solve the mystery by transcendental clairvoyance, and has discovered:—

- (1) That the man with Miss Money was an old sweetheart.
- (2) That she jumped from the train to avoid his approaches.

Since then, he declared, he has recognised the man, but whether through clairvoyance or in the flesh is not clear.

DANGERS OF PETROL.

Motor Engineer Fatally Burned While Executing Repairs to a Car.

Strange revelations were made at an inquest at Hamptonstead yesterday on a mechanical engineer named Bartley, who died in Hamptonstead Hospital as the result of his clothes becoming ignited while executing repairs under a motor-car at Muswell Hill.

While Bartley was under the car at a garage, it was stated, a chauffeur named Smetz, remarking that petrol would clean the car more quickly than paraffin, syringed the engine with petrol.

Immediately a loud report was heard, Bartley emerging from under the car with his clothes alight and running to Mr. Albert Jackson, the owner of the car, who extinguished the flames.

Smetz, in his evidence, said he did not realise that the petrol vapour would reach the lamps. The inquest was adjourned.

COUNTRY HOUSE ROBBERY.

Jewellery Stolen from Boudoir While Owner
Reads in Next Room.

An impudent robbery was perpetrated yesterday at The Grove, Langley, near Slough, the residence of Captain Berkeley.

Opening the front door, thieves walked upstairs to Mrs. Berkeley's boudoir and made off with several gold rings, bracelets, and other valuable jewellery and a blank cheque.

At the time of the robbery Mrs. Berkeley was walking in the grounds with her dogs.

Strangely enough, Captain Berkeley was in the next room to the boudoir reading, but he heard nothing.

LORD INVERCLYDE'S WILL.

Wholly written in his own hand, the late Lord Inverclyde's will, dated March 30, 1901, is as follows:—

"I leave everything I possess of every description to my wife, the Right Hon. Mary, Baroness Inverclyde, and I appoint her my executrix.—INVERCLYDE."

NEW PROFESSION FOR WOMEN.

Ingenious Frenchwoman Discovers
How To Make Old Clothes New.

"NEEDLE-WEAVING."

Those who have learned to appreciate the usefulness of the "artiste stopper" will be glad to hear that London now boasts a member of a profession hitherto exclusively Parisian.

There need be no more anxiety about clothes torn, or stained, or modi-ated, or damaged by lighted cigarettes, for the "artiste stopper" loves to be confronted with these distressing sights and to overcome them.

There is no English word for "artiste stopper," but, broadly translated, it means an "artiste mender." She mends and repairs clothes in a way that is really artistic. It is absolutely impossible to tell they have ever been old or damaged when they leave her deft hands.

MIRACLES WITH THE NEEDLE.

Mme. Jeanne, of 108, Shaftesbury-avenue, the only "artiste stopper" in London, and a typical Frenchwoman, told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday how she started her business.

There are, it appears, plenty of these "artiste stoppers" in Paris, who do what is really needle-weaving, and last April Madame was seized with the idea of coming over to mend London's clothes. In this she is succeeding admirably.

She has been working for fashionable tailors in the West End, who were quick to realise the value of an art which can make good again a spoiled garment.

Mme. Jeanne was, as a girl, employed in a cloth factory in the north of France, and her knowledge of the weaving of materials is one of the most important elements in her special training.

CAN REPAIR SATIN.

"I can mend any material without it showing," she said, "with one exception—satin—in which a tiny trace of any repair can be seen. This is scarcely perceptible, but still I call it a mark."

The "artiste stopper" produced a gentleman's overcoat, in which a piece from a cuff had been neatly worked in. The place of repair, however, was impossible to detect.

The cost of these repairs is trifling in view of the special character of the work and the time it takes.

A NELSON REVIVAL.

A Sample of Journalism As It Was 100 Years Ago.

The "Observer" is again to the fore. A fortnight ago the whole newspaper world congratulated the distinguished old Sunday paper upon the publication of an important piece of news which no other Sunday paper secured.

To-morrow, apropos of the centenary commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar, the "Observer" will issue as a special supplement a facsimile of its issue of 100 years ago, containing the official account of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson. The particular tint of the paper used in 1805—a dirty brownish-yellow—has been, we understand, the elusive object of a very long but finally successful search. For all who take an interest in English history, and English journalism as it was 100 years ago, this issue of the "Observer" will possess a special value.

In truth, the "Observer," with its reputation of 115 years, stands a living and emphatic proof of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest.

CUT OFF HIS FINGERS.

English Soldier Deliberately Mutilates Himself
To Escape Service.

The practice common in Continental armies of mutilating or cutting off the index finger and thumb to render soldiers unable to fire a rifle, and hence unfit to serve, is comparatively rare in our own Army.

However, a story of self-mutilation comes from Cardiff. A Private Gaston, belonging to London, recently joined the South Wales Borderers, and, tiring of the service, it is said, deliberately cut off two fingers of his left hand with a chopper.

After he had been severely treated, he was placed under arrest. In the Army Act this offence is specially mentioned as being punishable by a long term of imprisonment.

LAW OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

"Although a man cannot force his wife to live with him, it is not yet the law that a wife can turn a husband out of his own house," said the Blackburn magistrate yesterday, discharging a builder, named Drinkwater, who had been summoned for breaking a pane of glass in his own house after his wife had locked him out.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

At Edinburgh yesterday a female reindeer gave birth to offspring. This is believed to be the first reindeer ever born in the United Kingdom.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, who represented the King at the royal wedding at Glucksburg, returned to town yesterday, and drove to Clarence House, St. James's Palace.

Mr. Lewis Waller will recite the ballad of the "Clamphedown," by Rudyard Kipling, at the Nelson Centenary Concert at Queen's Hall, on Saturday afternoon, October 21.

Near Land's End the Newport pilot-boat Water Lily foundered off the Runnelstone yesterday, and the crew of three, taking to the punt, were picked up and landed at Porth Leven by a fishing-boat.

Attached to an Army Service Corps cart a runaway horse dashed with terrific force into a thick wall opposite the post office at Aldershot yesterday. The vehicle was wrecked and the driver seriously injured.

More surprised than hurt was a man at being unexpectedly hugged by a performing bear at Islington yesterday. He had been dancing about in front of the animal, which seized him before he could get away from its way.

Sir C. M. Palmer, at Newcastle yesterday, said greater demands would be made upon the Suez Canal, and it could not remain as it existed at present. Shipping rates were so heavy that it was a question whether it would not be cheaper to send ships round by the Cape.

An expert photographer, the Princess of Wales is taking several cameras on her tour in India. Two which have just been executed to her orders are practically made of aluminium, and are specially adapted for a tropical climate.

Judge Baker decided at Grimsby that a ship moored to a wharf in dock is not a factory within the meaning of the Act, and that men injured while working on a vessel at such a time cannot claim compensation.

"You may go, as you yielded to a temptation which was very great," said Mr. Plowden yesterday to a lad charged with stealing a milk-can exposed outside a shop.

In spite of the vigorous protests of Sabbatarians, Portobello, near Edinburgh, is to have a large music-hall on the sea-front, in which an orchestra will play on Sundays.

In his ninety-ninth year, Mr. Robert Abbot, huntsman to Bilsdale pack, Yorkshire, still rides regularly to hounds. He is the oldest huntsman in the country.

Mr. H. J. Morton, J.P., one of the original guarantors of the Yorkshire Penny Bank, has died at Scarborough in his eighty-sixth year.

Dublin Corporation refuses to be represented on the committee which will welcome the British Association to Ireland in 1907.

Inquests were held by the Stepney coroner yesterday on three East-End people whose united ages totalled 253 years.

GORLESTON COASTGUARD HERO'S FUNERAL.



The funeral of James Gill, the Gorleston coastguardsman who lost his life in endeavouring to save a boy from drowning. Just before starting for his work that day he spelled out to his wife from the code-book Nelson's last signal.

On a raft made of tins soldered together, and weighing 300 lb., a Durham man has accomplished the extraordinary feat of paddling down the River Wear from Durham to Sunderland, a distance of twenty-one miles, in fourteen hours.

Many of the camping miners on strike at Kinsley, Pontefract, are returning to their homes, owing to the colliery company refusing to accept the keys of the houses of the last batch of evicted tenants.

Although the lowest tender was submitted by a Hungarian firm, the London County Council has decided to place the order for 150 tramcars, each costing on an average £423, in Great Britain.

In the four years prior to the passing of the Vaccination Act, £1,605 was paid in vaccination fees in Whitechapel. This figure has risen to £5,507 in the subsequent four years.

The photograph of the new Post Office building on the site of Christ's Hospital, published in the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, was by Messrs. S. B. Bolas and Co., 68, Oxford-street.

Southport's newest attraction, if the scheme be carried, will be a lagoon, thirty-two acres in extent, with an island of twenty-one acres laid out as a cricket ground.

Mr. Verburgh, M.P., has offered £500 towards the cost of a site for the proposed cavalry barracks at Chester.

Clyde shipbuilding will be brisk for two years to come, says a last night's Glasgow telegram.

£400,000 FOR THE HOSPITALS.

What Is Expected of This Year's
Hospital Saturday.

TO-DAY'S GREAT EFFORT.

In thirty-one annual Hospital Saturdays London has contributed £389,337 for the metropolitan hospitals. With the amount collected to-day the total should be raised to well over £400,000.

Subscriptions from workshops and offices made up of weekly donations of 1d. by clerks, typists, warehousemen and shop assistants form the largest contributions to this fund. Collecting in the streets was stopped in 1897, but up to that year £76,594 had been collected in this way.

Six thousand boxes were used for the streets, and when the authorities stopped this method of collection the fund resolved to continue the work by different means. Eight thousand boxes are now permanently placed in business offices, hotels, restaurants, theatres, etc. Upon Hospital Saturday these boxes are temporarily augmented by over 1,000 more.

EASY PAYMENTS FOR CRIPPLES.

During last year the total receipts of the fund amounted to £25,441, and out of this £22,199 was distributed among 193 institutions.

Another branch of the Hospital Saturday Fund which is quietly doing a great work of charity is the department which provides crutches, invalid chairs, artificial limbs, and various surgical appliances at half the ordinary prices, applicants being allowed to pay for these benefits at the rate of 1d. a week.

STOCK MARKETS FIRM.

Continental Bourses Give No Credence to
Anglo-German Différences.

CAPEL COURT, Friday Evening. There was a rather dull tone on the Stock Exchange at first, for there were one or two adverse influences. The bankers were talking of money being tighter, though this was due to the necessity to repay £4,000,000 of Daira Sanieh bonds to-morrow, and, as these are largely held abroad, it makes a certain amount of strain on our resources.

The other point against the market was that there was a little political talk in connection with the Anglo-German misunderstanding, and, of course, there was the fear of Settlement troubles. These evaporated later in the day, no failure took place, and the markets certainly closed a good deal firmer than they had been. Consols firmed up at the close to 88½.

Home Rails were a fair reflection of the market moods. Heavy in the morning, firming up considerably at the finish, when the excellent traffic position and prospects had the weight that it is going to have for some time to come.

Had there been Settlement trouble it would have affected the American and Canadian Pacific securities most seriously. As the trouble proves less than expected, these sections showed a rather decided improvement, and, in sympathy with Canadian Pacifics, there was a wonderful jump of £4 in Hudson's Bays to 80 at one time.

KAFFIRS SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

In the Argentine Railway group, in connection with which the strike news seems to be better, the smart jump in Argentine Great Westerns to 190 was due, of course, to the belief that the line is to be taken over and guaranteed by the B.A. Pacific. The latter line publishes the terms of its guarantee of the Villa Maria and Rufino. Foreign Rails as a whole were firm, in fact, one of the best sections in the "House." United of Havana rose £6 to 204 on dividend talk.

If the Continental bourses seemed to attach a little importance to the Anglo-German misunderstanding in the earlier part of the day, any feeling of nervousness certainly wore off before the close.

Kaffirs shared some improvement when it was seen that there was no further fear of trouble. Westerns were better, and the Great Fingall circuit was not disliked. Other mining sections were firm as a whole.

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YOUTH AND VEGETABLES.

THAT is a brave exhibit of octogenarian vegetarians made by the London Vegetarian Association. They are over eighty, one of them is ninety-one, and they can all see without spectacles, and run, skip, and jump. They are happy, sanguine, rosy-checked, and in love with life.

The champions of beefsteaks no doubt could make a big array of youths of eighty or ninety—men who have eaten meat every day of their lives. They would put a mutton-chop specialist in comparison with a man nourished exclusively on carrots, and the layman could not tell one from the other.

The great point of importance about persons with diet fads is not to allow themselves to become bigoted. Every vegetarian should eat some roast beef with lots of gravy at least once a month. It would keep him from becoming too narrow in his views.

Vegetarians should see that they do not gradually crystallise themselves into a separate sect just a little better and finer than anyone else. It is not given to everyone to be content with boiled turnips, and it behoves the man who can do it to regard with kindness and toleration those who still cling to flesh.

The greatest help to the spread of vegetarianism is the multiplication of fruits and vegetables. Many vegetarians are satisfied with badly-boiled potatoes and unsavoury messes of half-cooked beans because they can get nothing else. The standard of vegetable cookery in England is not high.

While we earnestly beseech the vegetarian to partake of a nice roast fowl once in a while to keep him from becoming a Philistine we are also convinced that an occasional meal of fruit and vegetables will not harm the flesh-eater.

The vegetarians do well in using their six octogenarian as battle flags, exhibiting them to show that people can survive and be well who eat no meat, but they ought also to stimulate the production and distribution of vegetables, plant the waste lands with cabbages and potatoes, and bring down the price of the articles the greengrocer deals in.

It is not sufficient to lecture and utter theories. Put vegetables within our reach, raw and cooked, great varieties of them, and plenty of nice, cheap fruit.

A. K.

"ME AND ENGLAND."

"It is my most earnest desire, and I am sure that of the whole British-people, etc.," writes Mr. Alfred Austin, poet laureate, to the French nation, inviting them to join in the Nelson celebration.

There is something about the wording of this invitation that brings up a smile. Why do people so often car and criticise when Mr. Austin does anything?

There seems to be something quite characteristic in Mr. Austin putting himself first. Why drag in the whole British people? Was not the phrase strong enough with the name of Mr. Austin?

At any rate, we owe him our thanks for putting his views in prose.

L. T.

SAYINGS OF NELSON.

Artful men will never want an artful story, and oats will never be wanting to confirm any tale.

My conduct has been open; that has been my secret, and it has answered.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

SO charmed was Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein with the voyage she made to the East two years ago that she has arranged to visit Ceylon and Burmah again, and will, it is understood, leave England some time in December. Time, one hopes, has done something to obliterate the recollection of her sad experience of married life, while foreign travel, of which, like her mother, Princess Christian, she has always been fond, is constantly yielding her new interests.

Since she returned to England in 1901 the Princess has lived very quietly in Queensberry-place, and so little is she known to the British public, owing to her long absence abroad, that few people recognise her when she is taking one of her frequent walks in the Park. She has a slender, graceful figure, and, taking strongly after her mother's family in face, was regarded by the late Queen as one of the prettiest of her granddaughters. She has pronounced artistic tastes and paints cleverly.

one of the events of the season. Almost from the days of the first number of "Wee Willie Winkie" Lady Marjorie has taken an interest in politics, and she is, like her mother, a clever platform speaker. But her parents took care that such interests never interfered with the acquirement of a proper knowledge of housekeeping duties, and, in fact, had a cottage fitted up with all the goods and chattels of a home in order that she might become proficient in the art. It was named Holiday Cottage, and here Lady Marjorie Gordon, as she was in those days, had to scrub the floor, if it was dirty, and clean the grate and lay the kitchen fire, while if guests came to tea or luncheon she had to prepare these meals.

One of the most generous and at the same time least ostentatious in his munificence of the American millionaires who have taken up their residence in this country, is Mr. Henry Phipps, who rents Beaufort Castle from Lord Lovat. He has just had an experience, however, which may well lead him to consider whether it is worth while being

bridge, one of the best Latin scholars of this or any other age. He has nurtured his great intellect on a diet in strict accordance with vegetarian principles for as long as the oldest scout at St. John's College, where he is a Fellow, can remember. His dietetic idiosyncrasies invariably excite the curiosity of freshmen, and as he makes his way to the college hall for dinner they remark facetiously: "There's Johnny Mayor going to grass."

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

COUNTY MAGISTRATES.

I have followed the "Legal Pillory" in "Truth," for many years, always trusting that the sound principles on which it is founded would lead to the reform of a system which has always been most unsatisfactory. This absolutely necessary reform has not yet been effected, and has never even been considered by Parliament.

I would suggest that the "Great Unpaid" should be allowed to retain the powers conferred upon them at the time of their appointment, but that these powers should be restricted to:—

(1) The signing of official and Post Office declarations.

(2) Administration of oaths.

(3) Granting and signing summonses.

(4) Hearing cases for remand purposes only, with power to dismiss the case.

These powers would in no way deprive their "office" of its public usefulness, and would totally eradicate the constant cases of unjust sentences, which have been so thoroughly exposed and justly criticised in "Truth" for many years.

I maintain the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate, or, as I would rather term him, "petty judge," who would be legally qualified and unbiased, with a mind superior to that of the magistrate's clerk—who at present is an unsatisfactory combination of public prosecutor, cross-examiner, and "Bench"—would be eminently more satisfactory and very little more expensive.

This "petty judge" could get through far more work in a much shorter time than under the existing conditions of petty sessions held fortnightly.

I am a magistrate myself, and speak from experience; I have also discussed this question with other magistrates, members of Parliament, and others in public life, and have never yet received an adverse opinion to the steps which I advocate.

May I ask you to kindly publish this letter, and to assist in the remedy of an evil which has already existed too long.

A. MACDONALD.

The Sackville Hotel, Bedford-on-Sea.

TRAMCAR MANNERS.

On reading Ethel B.'s letter on the above subject the practical thought occurred to me, "Why ever did she not wait for the next car or why go on the top?" Cars from Shepherd's Bush run to Gammersbury about every three or four minutes, and she would have been sure of a seat.

How often it happens that women board a crowded tramcar at that particular place, and, in spite of the polite "full inside, miss," of the conductor, push their way through.

I have often given up my seat to ladies, irrespective of years and looks, as pointed out by "G. M.," but I am sorry to say it is very rarely that any appreciation has been shown, the seat being accepted without a word or look of thanks.

Men like a little appreciation, and women could do a lot of good for themselves in this respect.

Chiswick.

S.

WASP WAISTS.

I thoroughly endorse "E. M. J.'s" opinions in your issue of yesterday. At last the possessor of a small waist will be able to show it to good advantage. I have always worn good corsets and laced them to seventeen inches without the slightest discomfort or ill effects for several years, and hope before long to reach sixteen inches.

Bristol.

SEVENTEEN INCH.

You have probably heard of Abernethy's remark when asked for his opinion of tight-lacing: "It is an excellent idea, as it quickly kills all the fools." W. A. A.

Your correspondent "E. M. J." is evidently unaware that to "pull in," as proved by medical men, is very injurious.

If her object in squeezing herself to an unnatural size (eighteen inches) is to attract the other sex, she will fail, as men do not care for wasp waists. "So we are moulded by Nature let us remain," may aptly be applied.

College Park, N.W.

P. VIVIAN.

IN MY GARDEN.

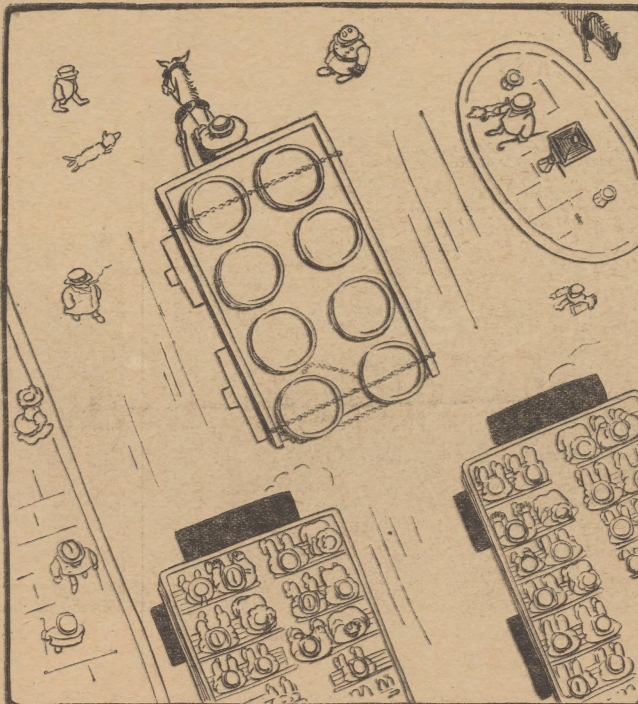
OCTOBER 13.—How many gardens are filled with weak and unhealthy looking plants! Poor soil is usually the cause. Now is the best time to improve unfruitful ground.

We must remember that good garden soil is not made; it is born. It is the result of the action of bacteria, which, assisted by the oxygen of the air, liberate nitrogen—the most valuable of plant foods.

If we keep this interesting fact in view we shall have begun to understand one of the secrets of successful gardening. Thus it is that manuring and deep digging (which allows air to penetrate the earth) are so necessary.

E. F. I.

HASELDEN'S CHILD'S PRIMER.



Oh, look at this fun-ny picture! It is all up-side down! What is it? It is a street look-ed at from above. At the bottom there are two om-ni-buses. (What a great big word!) In front of them is a wag-gon full of beer. But the man who drives the wag-gon keeps in the mid-dle of the road, and the om-ni-buses can-not pass. Why does not a big police-man make the wag-gon get out of the way? We do not know. What is all this called? It is called the traf-fic prob-lem. Oh, my! What a lot of hard words. Per-haps I shall know what they mean when I am a little big-gor.

It is interesting to recall that she is the only British Princess who has travelled in America.

The constant companion of the Princess is the Hon. Mary Hughes, a vivacious, clever woman, who has seen much of the life of the Court. For ten years she was maid of honour to the late Sovereign, and after Queen Victoria's death became lady-in-waiting to Princess Louise. A good linguist, and an extremely clever amateur actress, Miss Hughes also shares the artistic tastes of the Princess, and is also of the greatest assistance to her Royal Highness in the capacity of secretary.

One wonders whether the daughter born to Lady Marjorie Sinclair, the only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, will inherit her mother's literary tastes, and show the precocity which led Lady Marjorie to issue a magazine when she was only eleven years old. This was called "Wee Willie Winkie," costing a halfpenny, and forming a supplement to the magazine *Lady Aberdeen* started, called "Onward and Upward." The staff of "Wee Willie Winkie"—the pages measured six inches by four and a half—was composed entirely of children, and its contents were a great credit to these youthful journalists.

Lady Marjorie's marriage last year to Captain Sinclair, one of the Liberal Whips, was, of course,

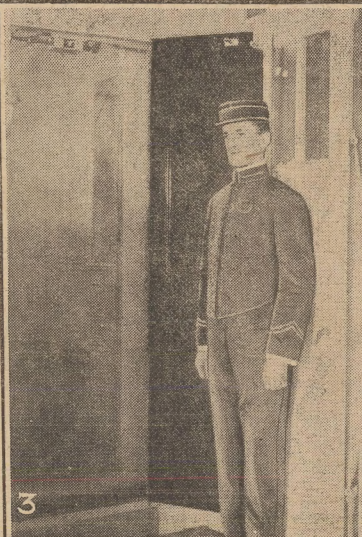
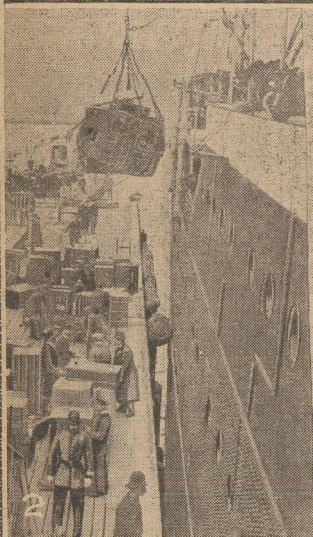
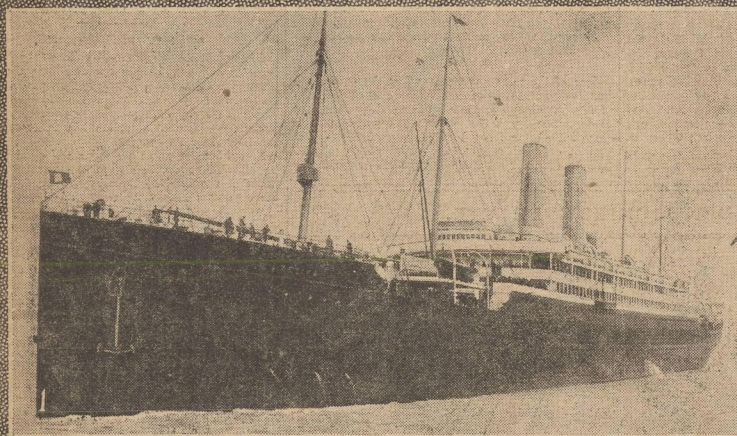
philanthropic. Having handed over to Alleghany, his native place, a playground valued at £200,000, the local authorities now demand that he shall pay the taxes. Mr. Phipps is so disgusted that he is going to resume possession of the land and erect warehouses upon it.

As with so many of America's successful men, "From Office-Boy to Multi-Millionaire" sketches the story of Mr. Phipps' career in a sentence. Born of English parents in Philadelphia sixty-six years ago, he started life as a fellow errand-boy with Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and, like his young companion, acquired enormous wealth, and became one of the directors of the Carnegie Steel Trust. He hates publicity, and until he obtained sudden notoriety by a gift of £20,000 to the Boer relief fund after the war few people in England had heard of him. Everyone sympathised with him this year in the unfortunate incident which led to his two sons being charged with shooting three salmon-fishers. The applause which greeted their acquittal was only one of many proofs of the esteem in which the family are held in Inverness-shire.

No gathering such as that which took place in London last night, when a select band of octogenarians met to expound to the world the virtues of a vegetarian diet, would be complete without the presence of Professor G. E. B. Mayor, of Cam-

23,000 Ton Atlantic Hotel at Dover.

SS. AMERIKA—CARLTON RESTAURANT AFLOAT.



The new 23,000-ton Hamburg-American liner Amerika, the largest and finest steamship in the world, which has just called at Dover on her maiden voyage to New York. She has seven decks, lifts, and a restaurant modelled on that of the Carlton Hotel, with gold and silver dinner services used by the Kaiser. Together with her crew she has accommodation for 3,600 people. The photographs show—(1) the Amerika coming alongside the pier at Dover; (2) taking passengers' luggage aboard, showing the immense height of the vessel; (3) one of the electric lifts from deck to deck; and (4) the Carlton Restaurant on board.

THE DAYS

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.



Miss Hilda Orchardson, daughter of Mr. W. Q. Orchardson, R.A., the well-known artist, who is to be married to-day to—



—Mr. H. G. S. Gray, of Heilbron, Orange River Colony, at St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church.

THE QUEEN



An excellent snapshot of Denmark in Copenhagen now, and will be

CENTURIES OLD MOP FAIR AT STRATFORD



Eight oxen and a dozen pigs have just been roasted in the street to celebrate Mop Fair, which has been held annually in the town. The prize bullock about to be roasted in its open-air oven was visited the fair and paid 1s. for a plate of beef.

NEWS RECORDED BY CAMERA

HOME TO-DAY.



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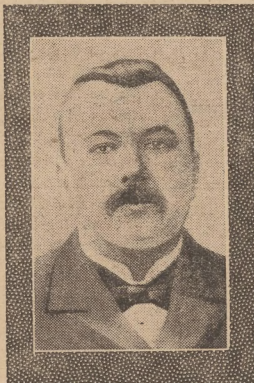
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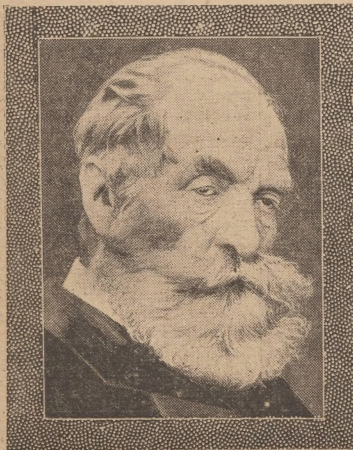
Mr. Lewis Waller, who will re-
open the Imperial Theatre to-
night with Mr. Alfred Sutro's new
play, "The Perfect Lover."
(Lafayette.)

RUSSIAN PRINCE DEAD.



Prince Serge Troubetzkoi, Rector
of the University of Moscow, who
has just died suddenly at St.
Petersburg, after attending a
meeting of Government officials.

EARL SPENCER ILL.



Earl Spencer, who was seized with a paralytic
stroke while shooting at North Creake,
Norfolk. He held office in several Liberal
Governments and was at one time Lord-
Lieutenant of Ireland.—(Beresford.)

The Ever Victorious New Zealanders.

ARE THESE THE FOOTBALL TACTICS WHICH SPELL SUCCESS?



These photographs, specially taken for the *Mirror*, strikingly illustrate the methods of the New Zealand Rugby team. Do these account for the huge scores piled up against the best English fifteens? The photographs show—(1) Gallagher, the captain, who has brought to perfection the art of the wing forward; (2) the marked contrast between an English and Colonial method of scrumming; (3) when the ball is heeled out every forward becomes a three-quarter, and the ball passes from hand to hand with unerring accuracy; (4) however tightly collared, a New Zealander manages to pass the ball to one of his side, (5) who invariably scores right under the goal posts, and (6) so renders it easy for Wallace, the full-back, to convert a try into a goal.

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HOW I FURNISHED MY £150 COTTAGE.

A Woman's Sense of Honour.

A READER IN GARDEN CITY TELLS HOW HE STARTED
HOUSEKEEPING.

I had the choice of buying one of those modern, comfortable, and well-built cottages, such as were exhibited at Garden City recently, with the £150 that I had managed to save by dint of hard work, or merely renting such a residence, spending £50 or so on furnishing, and keeping the balance by me for the proverbial rainy day.

Whether I was wise in my decision I will leave my fellow Answerites to judge, for I speculated, if I may use the term in all modesty as applied to a cottage, by buying the residence with my savings, and relied upon modern methods for furnishing the home in a manner to suit my taste in that direction and the convenience of my pocket.

PAYABLE IN EASY INSTALMENTS.

I should have been very well satisfied had I found that I could set myself up comfortably in the furnishing line by an expenditure of £50 payable in easy instalments; but casual inquiries showed me that I could not only do this, but could actually count upon acquiring some luxuries in addition for a smaller sum, and upon a system that would ensure the goods remaining the property of my wife, even in the event of my death before all the instalments were paid.

I attach great importance to this last point, because every self-respecting man will feel comfortable, at least in knowing that the home he has laboured to get and hold together during his lifetime will not suddenly cease to exist in the event of his death, and this, perchance, because he owed a few pounds by way of final instalments.

MY 549. HALL.

My £150 house was no mean affair, with its small hall, sitting and living rooms, two bedrooms, and kitchen, and yet I furnished it from top to bottom, as the saying goes, for £44 0s. 10d., and combined utility with the artistic.

The hall looked very neat and homely with its hat and umbrella-stand, hall-chair, floor-coverings, and stair-carpet, and the cost of furnishing this part of the dwelling was only 54s. The Midland

Furnishing company had come to my aid in the matter of equipping the cottage, and every item I obtained for the sum already mentioned was clearly set down ad seriatim before I entered into the bargain. Space will not permit the setting-out of every article, together with its cost, but an exception must be made in the case of the best bedroom, a room that does not admit of scant treatment when it comes to furnishing. It is surprising what can be done with £12 to furnish and beautify it. That is all that it cost me, and the following table will explain how the money was devoted:—

WHAT'S WHAT IN A BEDROOM

BEST BEDROOM.	£ s. d.
Well-made bordered carpet	18 0
Full-size black and brass bedstead	1 1 0
Full-size cable-edge, wire-woven spring	17 6
Full-size overlay mattress in Belgian	
tick	1 1 0
Full-size bolster and two feather pillows	16 0

Best Bedroom (continued).	£ s. d.
Large-size walnut dressing-chest of drawers, with glass attached and fixed with two jewel drawers, marble-top washstand, towel-horse, and two cane-seated chairs, all to match	4 15 0
Set of chamber ware	6 0 0
Pair of blankets	14 0 0
Pair of sheets	8 0 0
Counterpane	8 0 0
Pair of fashionable lace curtains	5 0 0
Cornice-pole, fitted to window	4 0 0
Fender	3 0 0

To furnish the second, or spare bedroom, cost about half as much, or; to be precise, £5 19s. 6d. The principal items were bedstead, wire-woven spring and overlay mattress, bolster and feather pillow, £1 17s. 6d.; chest of drawers and washstand, £1 7s. 6d.; blankets, sheets, and counterpane, £1 1s. 6d.; and carpet, 12s.; and the little room looked very comfortable. Thoreau would have thought it extravagantly furnished.

It is, perhaps, impossible to set too high a value upon one's sitting-room. Here comfort, at least, is expected, and in my own case I obtained that, with something more than a "dash" of luxury, for £13 6s. 6d. It can be done, and well done, too, for that sum, and here are the details by way of proof:

SITTING-ROOM.	£ s. d.
Fashionable bordered carpet	2 2 0
Hearthrug to match	8 6
Cornice-pole fitted to window	6 0
Pair of lace curtains	6 6
Stained Chippendale colour suite, comprising settee, two armchairs, and four small chairs (upholstered in tapestry)	4 4 0
Stained Chippendale character bevelled plate oval chimney-glass	1 15 0
Stained Chippendale character cabinet.....	2 2 0
Centre table to match	1 1 0
Artistic curb fender and set	15 0
Pretty coal-vase and scoop	6 6

"NATTIEST" HOME IN THE WORLD.

The living-room made no pretence to luxury. It contained a stained table, four small chairs in imitation leather, an upholstered armchair, a walnut chimney-glass, and, of course, floor covering, hearthrug, fender, and steel fire-irons, the total cost of which was £1 13s. 6d. China and glass, including dinner and tea services, cost £1 8s. 9d.; cutlery and plate, £2 11s. 3d.; and kitchen utensils, £1 17s. 4d.

It will be seen that the furnishing of the cottage cost exactly £44 0s. 10d., and I am paying off that amount on the instalment system at the rate of 25s. per month; or, roughly, 5s. 9d. per week.

When it is borne in mind that I have no rent to pay, having purchased my cottage outright, it will be clear that I am well able to meet the instalments as they fall due. In less than three years' time I shall have cleared my liability, and be the proud owner of one of the "nattiest" little furnished houses to be found anywhere.—[ADVT.]

Midland Furnishing Co., 69 to 77, Judd-street, King's Cross, London.

BABIES AS "HOME PETS" AT PLAISTOW.



Plaistow has just held its annual show of "home pets," which includes babies, dogs, cats, donkeys, and pigeons, in connection with the Guild of Kindness to Animals and Self-control, of St. Mary's Church. Among the visitors who were interested in this quaint mixture were Sir Reginald and Lady Cust. The photographs show (1) Babies coming to the show; and (2) Sir Reginald and Lady Cust.

AMERICAN CIRCUS DIRECTOR AT BOW-STREET POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.



Mr. MacCaddon, the American circus director, who surrendered to his bail at Bow-street Police Court yesterday, charged with frauds against the Bankruptcy Acts in France. He was arrested on board an Atlantic liner at Southampton. Mr. J. Lyons and Mr. Gluckstein stood bail to the amount of £18,000. The photographs show (1) Going into court; and (2) Mr. MacCaddon talking to his solicitor.

SIDELIGHTS ON
YESTERDAY'S NEWS.Interesting Paragraphs Concerning
Current Events.

Pierpont Morgan the Second.

The announcement that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, junior, who for a number of years has resided in London, is returning to America is supposed to indicate the first step towards his succeeding his father in the management of the famous banking house of J. P. Morgan and Co. Mr. Pierpont Morgan, senior, will probably retire to London to take a well-earned rest when his son takes control.

Migratory Habits of Londoners.

One very interesting sidelight on London life has been revealed by the preparations now in active progress for the forthcoming by-election at Hampstead. This is the extraordinary migration which takes place in the course of only a year or two. The last parliamentary election was in 1902, and it is now found that no fewer than 2,500 electors have removed, a number that represents over 20 per cent. of the electorate.

The Postcard Craze.

Between the end of the summer holidays and Christmas week there is a pronounced drop in the number of picture postcards sent through the post, and sorting clerks experience a sense of relief. It is only thirty-five years ago that the postcard was introduced as a novelty, and Denn Alford was indeed a true prophet when he wrote: "The half-penny cards have become a great institution." By comparison, the money order seems to be quite a modern institution, yet in reality, says the "King," it is older even than penny stamps. It was started in 1782 by some of the Post Office clerks on their

own account, and in 1838 it became a recognised department. In 1839 the value of the orders issued was £313,000. Fifty years later it was £23,000,000, in round figures.

Golf as Worry-Killer.

Golf has been a great godsend to the middle-aged man, the "British Medical Journal" argues. If a man plays his best at golf he keeps his eye on the ball; if he is thinking about his business worries he fumbles, and becomes annoyed, even to strong language, and his business worries pass from his mind, being overshadowed and blotted out by the insistence of the present shame in losing his match.

All-Conquering Flats.

One of the phases of the transformation which London is undergoing is the erection of huge blocks of flats in localities hitherto exempt from this form of building. In Kensington this has been very noticeable, and one of the latest sacrifices to the flat craze is that fine old house, Thorney Lodge, which used to be a favourite residence of the Duchess of Bedford, a prominent personage in the early years of the late reign. Although situated in

so crowded a neighbourhood as the Kensington High-street, the Lodge rejoiced in a big garden and a field. All the beautiful open space is doomed. The Lodge, which has been tenanted for five years, is now coming down, and the whole site, including garden and field, will be occupied by a towering pile of flats.

Cases of Overdoing It.

The proposal to build a municipal concert-hall finds favour with "The Builder." It holds out a warning, however, against the hall being too large, pointing out that the Albert Hall is far too large, and the Queen's Hall too large for soloists, though it is very good acoustically for its size. St. James's Hall was quite large enough, and any increase on that size is, from a musical point of view, a mistake.

Raby Castle.

In carrying out restorations at Raby Castle, the scene of the King's visit yesterday, the last Duke of Cleveland gave the place one of the strangest effects to be had in England. You can, says one who has visited there, drive a coach and four under the archway right into the great hall and get down on the carpet. It is a really great piece of stage management. You drive up the avenue straight at the great doors. They are thrown open, and it is like driving across Westminster Hall; if it is night-time, and you thus find yourself suddenly in the midst of blazing lights, looking down from your perch at the company.

"Grouping" a Part of Our Nature.

Commenting on the report of the Advisory Board to the London Traffic Commissioners, the "Engineer" says: "Proper cities have always been overcrowded. The report ignores the tendencies of humanity. Grouping seems to be inseparable from our nature. A new London on the most improved principles is springing up about the Strand. It is simply a town of theatres. All the principal theatres and music-halls of the metropolis stand on a few acres of land. When they empty at night the streets in the neighbourhood are for the time being congested.

FAULTLESS TREATMENT FOR THE
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Antipon, the most notable of modern medical discoveries, always answers its purpose: a permanent cure for obesity, even in the severest cases of long-standing corpulence. It forms, indeed, a faultless treatment, simple, easy, pleasant, and perfectly harmless. Nothing of mineral origin or any other dubious substance enters into its composition. Antipon is a liquid tonic and fat absorber which commands the warmest encomiums of the most competent authorities. It has a laxative effect not is it constipating. It does not incommode or cause the slightest discomfort, and the treatment may be followed without any dietary or other unusual restriction calling attention to the fact that any specific régime is being gone through. True, friends will marvel at the wonderful improvement in health and figure, but at meal times no peculiar or restricted dietary will reveal the fact that a treatment is being followed, and no excessive physical exercises are necessary. Of course, the remedies employed by a hygienic generation, and alas! still resorted to by the unenlightened, included these evils: semi-starvation, exhausting exercises and sweating, the abuse of cathartics, and most of all, the worse for the unfortunate subject by minor and other drugs. Antipon is therefore the direct opposite of these dangerous processes of fat reduction. Apart from its wonderful fat absorbing capabilities it is a tonic of a high order; it increases appetite and requires that the subject shall eat well. It promotes digestion and assimilation. Thus it may be claimed for Antipon that good muscle-forming food properly digested, is its natural ally and helper. It is no good starving away the superfluous fat unless strength is maintained, and even increased, and this beneficent strengthening effect makes Antipon quite unique. Moreover, it gradually destroys the disheartening tendency to make fat, however disheartening tendency may be, and once the weight is reduced to normal, and the proportions become symmetrical and graceful, the doses may be discontinued with the full assurance that the fat development will not again exceed normal conditions. A day and a night suffice to prove Antipon's fat-eliminating power, for within that space of time there is a decrease varying between 8oz. and 3lb., according to the individual case. After that: sure daily decrease goes steadily on until complete and lasting cure. Breathing will become easy and natural, profuse sweating after slight exertion will cease, there will be no more faintness and exhaustion, and healthy outdoor exercises may be indulged in with renewed pleasure. All this arises from the fact that the dangerous internal fatty matter that hampered the free action of the vital organs has been effectually absorbed and thrown out of the system. The benefit of this to the general health is obvious. Any stout person following a course of Antipon gradually grows stronger and healthier, and at the end of the treatment looks and feels many years younger.

Antipon is sold in bottles, price 2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d., by chemists, stores, etc.; or, should difficulty arise, may be had (on sending remittance) from the Antipon Company, 14, Buckingham-street, Strand, London, W.C. Delivery post free, in private package.

GRATEFUL LADY'S TRIBUTE TO
ANTIPON.

STARTLING TESTIMONY.

"29th August, 1905.

"The Antipon Company,—I am writing to tell you how delighted I am with the results of taking your Antipon. For twenty-five years I have been very stout, and gradually getting worse, until last February, in a sort of desperation, I began to take your medicine on the advice of a friend. Before the first dose I weighed just 14st. (I am 5ft. 11in. in height); now I weigh 10st. 11lb. I have had the clothing I wore in February weighed; it is 2lb. heavier than what I wear now. Allowing for the difference I am 52lb. lighter than I was before taking Antipon. But, better still, I feel so thoroughly set up in health, so strong and well, so very different from the breathless, tired woman I have been of late years. I have spoken of it to many friends, and two ladies have already commenced the treatment; possibly several others who do not care to admit the fact. It is nearly two months since I left off taking Antipon, and I have not gained an ounce in weight, so I think I may regard my cure as permanent. Now, I never should have written this letter if I had not been certain my name and address would not be made public by any poor lady suffering from excessive stoutness would be encouraged to try your treatment and obtain the benefit I have obtained, I should not object to your giving her, privately, my name and address, and I would answer any questions put to me. I only regret that I suffered more than half my life before hearing of Antipon.

"P.S.—I may say that it was a chemist's assistant now in London who recommended your Antipon."

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The Rev. ARTHUR EVANS

April 28th, 1905.

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You may make what use you like of this letter. I am delighted with the Pills.

Yours truly,

(Rev.) ARTHUR EVANS.

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KEMPTON PARK.

Wins Imperial Produce Plate—Wheatley in Form at Haydock.

TO-DAY'S BIG RACE.

Visitors to Kempton Park had plenty of entertainment. The racing was really good, the weather dry, and the attendance in all departments was fully up to the average.

That important race, the Imperial Produce Stakes, of 400 sovs., usually attracts good horses. The penultimate allowance given it the character of a handicap, and it has already earned the character of a front-runner among two-year-olds, but he was asked to concede 7 lb. to Blair (his daughter, St. Frusquin—Clare), owned by Sir D. Cooper.

It was with difficulty Dr. Dillon managed to mount the colt, and then for some minutes the colt behaved like a mad horse. Rearing, fighting, buck-jumping, and trying to bolt, he scattered the crowd in the paddock. Still his backers were not dismayed, and even money was accepted at his chance.

There was plenty of support forthcoming for Blair, but that filly had been beaten into fourth place behind the colt at Sandown Park last July. Sarcelle behaved nicely enough at the post, and set off fairly, but making the race in snatches, never threatened the least danger to Blair, who set a great pace, and ultimately won in a common canter.

It was not the first time Pollion had betrayed his backers, and those who laid odds on the Park filly were not likely to trust him again. The toughest of the thing was done by the Warrior and Zanol, the former making by a head, while Zanol, seems in bad luck, and as a leader. He was not continued his success by riding three winners at Haydock Park, the championship seems secure for the Bamber stable.

Backers also came to grief in the Half-Moon Nursery supporting the Queen as best of the early race competitors. The youngster was beaten into fifth place, the inner coming first in Dorinda, who defeated Cylindus in a capital finish in the quarters of a length.

The entry for the Coventry Stakes was of good class. Those who took 6 to 1 on the Duke of York's colt, Best Light, had a wild right on seeing how far he was lying before turning into the straight. Spurs were raised, and the Duke's colt, who was a good deal of a horse, and as a leader. He was not continued his success by riding three winners at Haydock Park, the championship seems secure for the Bamber stable.

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- 2.0.—Brentford Plate—PALACE YARD.
- 3.0.—Nursery Handicap—CABUL.
- 4.0.—Duke of York Stakes—TRANSFER.
- 5.0.—Richmond Plate—WARRIOR.
- 6.0.—Riverside Handicap—BRIDLE ROAD.
- 7.0.—Apprentices Plate—HONORE.

HAYDOCK PARK.

- 3.0.—White Lodge Nursery—MOLLY SHIELDS.
- 4.0.—Haydock Autumn Handicap—SECULOR.
- 5.0.—Filton Welter—LOWEVELL.
- 6.0.—Park Plate—THERAPIA.

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